XXXII. *An Account of the ſame Meteor, ſeen at* Bath: *In a Letter to* Tho. Birch, *D. D. Sec. R. S. from Mr.* Joſiah Colebrooke, *F. R. S.*

Dear Sir,

Read Nov. 15, 1759. IN compliance with the preſident's deſire, the following is the account of the meteor ſeen at Bath.

On Saturday the 20th of October, between five and ſix in the afternoon, as I walked over the north parade, a ball of fire, of the bigneſs of a tennis ball, of a very bright colour, with a train of four or five feet in length, darted from the north-weſt, and, deſcribing the arch of a great circle on my left hand, ſunk behind the hills to the ſouth-eaſt: juſt before it ſunk, ſeveral large ſparks of bright blue fire iſſued from it; but it did not ſeem to burſt: it was not more than two ſeconds in its paſſage, and I could compare it to nothing, but the moſt glorious ſky rocket I had ever ſeen.

Mr. Peers, a gentleman of London, was at Bath at the ſame time, and being in a room fronting the eaſt, that looked over the meadow between Bath and Bathwick, he told me, with ſome ſurprize, the next day, that he ſaw the largeſt ſtar he had ever ſeen, fall into the meadow; and, what was moſt particular, that it fell perpendicularly; whereas all he had ever ſeen before ſhot obliquely in the ſky.

This muſt have been a ſpark from this meteor, as the time he ſaw the ſtar agreed with the time I ſaw the ball of fire.

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I do not remember, that I heard any noiſe or whizzing in the air as it paſſed; nor did any ſulphureous ſmell attend it, that I could perceive.

I looked on my watch immediately after it was gone by, and found by that, it was juſt twenty minutes paſt five; but, as I could not be ſure that went right, I choſe to mention the time in more general terms.

It was ſeen by vaſt numbers of people, and much talked of the next day.

I am, dear Sir, with much eſteem,

Your very humble ſervant,

Budge Row, Nov. 14. 1759. Joſiah Colebrooke.

XXXIII. *An Account of the Meteor ſeen at* Chigwell Row, *in* Eſſex, *on the* 20*th of* October 1759: *In a Letter to the Rev. Dr.* Birch, *Secretary of the Royal Society, from Mr.* William Dutton, *Watchmaker in* Fleet-ſtreet.

SIR, Fleet-ſtreet, Dec. 1, 1759.

Read Dec. 6, 1759. IN compliance with Dr. Pringle's requeſt, I ſend you the following account of the meteor, which I ſaw ſome time ago, viz. on Saturday, Octob. 20th, about a quarter before ſix in the evening, whilſt there was ſtill ſome day-light, tho' ſeveral ſtars had begun to appear.

At that time I happened to be walking with my face eaſtward, with a companion, at Chigwell Row,